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## ***DALEA ENNEANDRA*** **NINE ANTHER DALEA**

Nine-anther Dalea is a perennial with 1-3 erect, branched stems, 5-10 dm tall, and arising from a yellow taproot. The leaves are 13-26 mm long, lack petioles, and are pinnately divided into 2-6 pairs of narrowly elliptic leaflets. Foliage is glandular. The flowers lack stalks and are well separated in spikes at the branch tips. Each white, pea-like flower is 8-11 mm long and is surrounded at the base by a broad, deciduous bract that is 3-4 mm long and has pale margins. The calyx has 5 long, hairy, linear lobes that are 3-5 mm long. The upper petal is 6-7 mm long and only slightly reflexed; there are 9 stamens. The egg-shaped pod is 3-4 mm long and has one seed. Flowering July-September.

The combination of the long, hairy calyx and the 9 stamens separate this plant from other species of *DALEA* and from species of *PSORALEA* and *AMORPHA*.